

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	Jorg Beilharz et al.
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Examiner:	Coleman, Keith A.
Title:	<b>METHOD FOR CONTROLLING A VALVE AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING A PUMP/NOZZLE DEVICE WITH A VALVE</b>

**MAIL STOP – RCE**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In association with Applicant's Request for continued Examination filed on August 17, 2009, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks. Applicants request favorable action thereon.

**The Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.